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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for Extension of time for one month with necessary fees. Attached herewith are Declarations by Paul Polakis, Ph.D. and Avi Ashkenazi, Ph.D. Also attached are articles by (i) Orntoft *et al.*, (ii) Hyman *et al.*, (iii) Pollack *et al.*, (iv) Hanna and Mornin. Also attached is a copy of the US provisional application 60/141,037 and relevant pages of the PCT application PCT/US00/08439 that contains the "chondrocyte redifferentiation assay".

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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